Statement-II

Major Commodities having basic excise duty rates of 30% or above

Duty Rates	Name of the Commodities
30%	
	Carpets
	Detergents
	Nylon filament yarn
	Split air conditioners for use in buses
	Taxis
	Glazed ceramic tiles
35%	
	Tyres (Aerotyres and power tiller tyres)
	Off the road tyres
40%	
	Chewing Tobacco
	Branded Unmanufactured Tobacco
	Motor cars
	Travel sets
	Aerated Waters
	Preparations of lemonades for use in manufacture of aerated waters
	Cosmetics
	Air Conditioners and their parts
50%	
	Pan masala
	Polyster filament yarn

Note :—It docs not include commodities which are subjected to excise duties and on which the ad valorem incidence of duty is 30 % or more.

Cost of Power from Projects with Guaranteed Return on Investment

*312. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost per unit of power supplied "to the concerned State Electricity Boards in the seven "'fast track" projects where Union Government have guaranteed the ROI or where Union Government are considering extending guarantee for a certain Return on Investment (ROI)), the project-wise details thereof:

(b) what is the Rupee component and the foreign exchange component therein, direct or indirect;

(c) whether Government are considering to buy power in foreign currency itself, if such rates are more favourable to the foreign exchange commitment; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE):(a) The estimated cost of power per unit regarding the eight fast track projects and project. wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

The Government of India has not guaranteed the Return on Investment (ROI). The private power policy provides for a return on equity of 16 per cent at Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 68.5 per cent.

(b) The tariff notification provides for additional Rupee liability for exchange rate variation on foreign debt and return on foreign equity upto 16 per cent.

However, in case of Dabhol Power Project, the tariff formula is different from the above and contains dollar and rupee denominated components.

Wherever imported fuels are permitted by the Government of India, fuel oharges would also have to be paid for in Foreign Exchange

(c) and (d) The private power Policy does not envisage Payment for purchase of power in foreign curreccy.

Statement

Details of cost per unit for Fast Track Protects

S. No.	Name of Scheme (Installed Capacity)	Tentative tariff in the first year of operation of the total installed capacity.
1	Dabhol CCGT, Phase– I (695 MW) (Distillate fuel based)	2.40*
2	Jegurupadu CCGT (235 MW) Gas based)	2.21*
3	Godavari CCGT (208 MW) (Gas based)	1.87*
4	Bhpdhrawat iTPS (2X536 MW) (Coa Based)	2.75*
5	Ib Valley TPS (2X210 MW) (Coal Based)	2.39*
6	Lignite based TPS at Neyveli (1X50 MW) (Lignite based)	3.10*

*At 90% availability, as per negotiated PPA.

The estimated cost per unit of power has not been finalised as yet excepting in case of Dabhol C C G 1 Phase-I (695 MW). The tariff for Dabhol has been fixed at 7-4 cents at the present rate working out to 2.40/ kwh. For rest of the projects the tariff shall undergo change after cosnpletion of the project.

Project reports for the remaining two fast track projects, namely, Mangalore TPS and Visakhapatnam TPS have not been techno-economically cleared by the CEA so far and hence the cost of generation for these two projects cannot be indicated at present.

उद्योगों के विकास हेतु कोष

***313. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार उद्योगों के तकनीकी विकास और आधुनिकीकरण हेतु अलग से एक कोष की स्थापना करने पर विचार कर रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस कोष से सरकार द्वारा विशेषकर किस प्रकार के उद्योगों को विकसित किए जाने का लक्ष्य है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) :

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) से (ग) : जी, हां । 1994-95 के लिए केन्द्र सरकार का बजट प्रस्तुत करते समय वित्त मंत्री ने यह घोषणा की थी कि मौजूदा अनुसंधान और विकास उपकर अधिनियम, 1986 के तहत आयातित प्रौद्योगिकियों के लिए भुगतान पर पांच प्रतिशत उपकर की सूची द्वारा एकत्रित की गई निधियों को प्रौद्योगिकी विकास और प्रयोग के लिए नई निधि में जमा करने का प्रस्ताव है । विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग को सौंपी जाने वाली निधि का आशय देशीय प्रौद्योगिकी के वाणिज्यिक प्रयोग का प्रयास करने वाले अथवा अधिक व्यापक घरेलू प्रयोगों हेतु आयातित प्रौद्योगिकी को अनुकूल बनाने वाले औद्योगिकी संस्थानों को इक्विटी पूंजी अथवा कोई अन्य वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना है ।

Postings of SC/ST officers of Air India abroad

*314. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of SC|ST officers of Air India posted abroad, country-wise; and

(b) what steps Government contemplate to ensure that SC|ST officers are not discriminated against by Ait-India while posting the officers abroad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House. *(See* below).

(b) Both general category and SC/ST officers are treated on par for the foreign posting assignment by Air India.

Statement

Details of SC/STofficers of Air lndia Posted abroad.

Country	Station	Names/Designation of the Officer posted
South Africa	Johannesburg	Sh. S.N. Biswas, Manager, Johannesburg.
Tanzania	Dar-Es-Salam	Sh. Jai Ram, Customer, Relations/Airport Manager Dar-Es-Salam.
Zambia	Lusaka	Sh. A.R. Janwalkar, Manager Zambia/Angola.
		Sh. M.S. Sabne, Station Accountant.